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1. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT NEW YORK BUSINESSMAN MAURICE TEMPLESMAN INTENDS VISIT PRESIDENT STEVENS, WHO CURRENTLY IN ZURICH FOR DENTAL TREATMENT FOR SEVERAL WEEKS, IN ORDER TO EXPLORE FURTHER QUESTION GOSL RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL. EMBASSY SURMISES THAT TEMPLESMAN WILL RAISE POSSIBILITY VISIT WITH STEVENS BY RABIN ON RETURN FROM U.S.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH STEVENS INTEREST MAINTAINING DIALOGUE THIS SUBJECT PROBABLY CONTINUES, HE STILL IS HOPEFUL OF TANGIBLE RESULTS FROM RECENT CONTEXT WITH LIBYA. NO TANGIBLE RESULTS HAVE YET MATERIALIZED BUT STEVENS IS NOT READY TO GIVE UP HOPE. CONTINUING GOSL FINANCIAL CRISIS COULD, HOWEVER, INCREASE GOSL WILLINGNESS MAKE POSITIVE STEP TOWARDS ISRAEL IF THE PRICE WERE RIGHT.
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